

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**REMARKS**

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding final Office Action mailed December 19, 2005 and subsequent Advisory Action. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 1 – 8, 10, 11, 13 – 16 and 18 remain pending. In particular, Applicant has amended claims 2, 3, 5 – 7, 15 and 18, and has canceled claims 1 and 4 without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant has canceled claims 1 and 4 merely to reduce the number of disputed issues and to facilitate early allowance and issuance of other claims in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of these canceled claims in a continuing application, if Applicant so chooses, and does not intend to dedicate the canceled subject matter to the public. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

The Advisory Action indicates that claims 11, 13 and 14 are allowed. The Advisory Action also indicates that claims 5 – 8, 10, 15 – 16 and 18 are objected to; however, these claims are not rejected on art.

Based on a conversation between Applicant's attorney and Examiner Patel, it appears that claims 5 and 6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and that claims 7 – 8, 10, 15 – 16 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten to replace the use of the term "or" in independent claims 7 and 15. In this regard, Applicant has amended claim 5 to incorporate the features previously indicated in claims 1 and 4. Therefore, Applicant respectfully asserts that claim 5 and dependent claim 6 are in condition for allowance.

Additionally, Applicant has amended claims 7 and 15 and respectfully asserts that these claims and their respective dependent claims are in condition for allowance.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102**

The Advisory Action indicates that claims 1 – 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Atkinson*. As set forth above, Applicant has canceled claims 1 and 4 and respectfully asserts that the rejection as to these claims has been rendered moot. With respect to claims 2 and 3, Applicant has amended these claims such that each now depends from claim 5, the allowability of which is described above. Therefore, the rejection as to these claims has been accommodated.

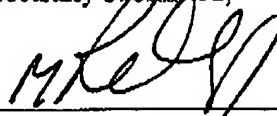
Cited Art Made of Record

The cited art made of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**CONCLUSION**

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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